



First Baptist Church in Beverly
The Church with the Harborlight
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Moving Into Light: A Service of Story and Song



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

**Welcome to Worship
at First Baptist Church in Beverly!**

We welcome you to worship this morning. We are so pleased to gather with you! Please feel free to fill out one of our Here We Gather cards in the pew rack, or speak with Daniel Johnson following worship.

There are Prayer Request cards in the pew rack in front of you. If you would like to take a moment to fill one out with a prayer concern you would like shared or like the ministers to know, please do so, and then place it in the offering plate when they are passed. Prayer concerns that should be kept for ministers only should have that designation written on them.

The chancel flowers this morning are the Poinsettias that been given in memory and in honor of Loved Ones.

Prayground news for children! We encourage children to make use of the Prayground space at the front of the Sanctuary to worship before their class time. The prayground is a child friendly place for the quiet enjoyment of worship. Childcare and classes for children Kindergarten-age and younger will resume next week.

Youth Pew and Class! We encourage our youth in Middle School and High School to enjoy worship together with peers in our youth pew at the front of the sanctuary. Our Youth Sunday School Class meets twice a month following worship and will meet next after the New Year.

Devices to assist with hearing are available for those who have a need. A Deacon will be happy to assist you and provide one.

*Indicates Congregation Standing As They Are Able

Upcoming Events:

Lectio Divina - Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Service Trip Bowling Fundraiser - Next Sunday, January 5, 2025 - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
at Cape Ann Lanes, Gloucester.

For more information on these and other programs of the church check the QR Code on the pew card in front of you or www.fbcbeverly.org!



Text Message Reminders from First Baptist Church!

Scan this QR code or text FBCTEXTSNOW to 724-361-6388 if you would like to opt in to receive text message updates, reminders, and alerts from First Baptist directly to your phone.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 29, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Tolling of the Hour

Upon hearing the bells, all are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Daniel Johnson

(If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn off your cell phone, please do so now)

A Moment of Preparation

B. Redington

The Gift

Call to Worship

***Carol of the Season 147**

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a Manger

Invocation, Lord's Prayer (debts),

Harper D.

and Gloria in Excelsis Deo (155 chorus)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

A Story of Love Gifted

Susan Johnson

Christmas Day in the Morning
written by Pearl S. Buck
adapted by Rev. Julie Flowers

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-12

Maizy D.
Pew Bible pg. N.T. 188

Morning Prayer

Dr. Daniel Johnson

***Carol 163**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

A Story of Love Returned

The Christmas Coat
written by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve
illustrated by Ellen Beier
adapted by Daniel Johnson

***Carol 162**

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

A Story of Comfort and Joy

The Christmas Story
taken from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke

Lisa LaPlante

Morning Offering

Call to Giving
Offertory

Dr. Daniel Johnson
M. Lowry and B. Green

Mary Did You Know?
Worship Ensemble

♪ *Doxology (48) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***Carol of the Season 167**

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
Go, Tell It On the Mountain

***Benediction**

Dr. Daniel Johnson

***Postlude**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Worship Ensemble

W.F. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Music Director Dr. Esther Chang is away on vacation. She will return on Sunday, January 12, 2025. We are grateful to Bruce Redington, our Worship Ensemble Director, for providing and coordinating our worship music this morning.

*The members of the Board of Deacons invite you to join in our annual Christmas giving by making a contribution to the Gift of Heat to help Beverly Bootstraps provide heat to help individuals and families in our community stay warm this winter. The folks at Beverly Bootstraps say this need can be significant through the winter months. With your help the **Gift of Heat** program can be a substantial source of support. Cash or checks are accepted. **Please make your check payable to the First Baptist Church**, with a memo to Gift of Heat, and return it to the church office at 221 Cabot Street., or drop it into the offering plate.*

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for the New Year holiday!